

Amendment to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1.(original) A method for providing a customer computer with access, through a network, to a media content file, said method comprising the steps of:

- opening a session with the customer computer;
- receiving from the customer computer a request to view a media content file;
- creating a temporary metafile having a temporary metafile name, said metafile containing a network address where said media content file can be and an unencrypted file path leading to said media content file;
- sending to the customer computer the temporary metafile name; and
- canceling or deleting the metafile before or at the end of said session with the customer computer.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said temporary metafile also contains an encrypted name of said media content file.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of said customer computer requesting said temporary metafile to learn the encrypted media content file name, unencrypted media content file path and said network address, and said customer computer subsequently sending said encrypted media content file name and said ~~encrypted~~unencrypted media content file path to said network address.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the creating step further comprises the step of computing said metafile name based on characteristics of said customer session.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein said customer session was opened with an application server, and further comprising the following steps executed by the customer computer:

- receiving said temporary metafile name;

using said temporary ~~metafile~~ metafile name, requesting the temporary metafile from said application server;

sending a request to said network address to receive and play said media content file identified by said encrypted media content file name and ~~encrypted~~unencrypted media content file path; and

receiving and playing the named media content file from said network address.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the following steps performed by a media content server having said network address:

upon receipt of the ~~encrypted~~unencrypted file path, checking if said ~~encrypted~~unencrypted file path is a file path of an existing media content file accessible by the media content server, and if so, sending this media content file for playing to the customer computer.

7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said customer session is opened between said customer computer and an application server or a media content server.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the following step performed by the customer computer:

installing a media player program; said media player program being ~~which is~~ automatically activated upon reception of said temporary metafile name to:

request the ~~temporarily-named~~ temporary metafile from an application server with which said session was opened;

send data, identifying said media content file, within said ~~temporarily-named~~ temporary metafile to said network address; and

receive and play said media content file received from said network address.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said temporary metafile name is sent to said customer computer within an HTML page.

10. (original) The method as set forth in claim 2 further comprising the step of determining an unencrypted name of said media content file by a naming convention applicable to other unencrypted media content file names available from said network address.

11. (deleted)

12. (original) A server for providing a customer computer with access, through a network, to a media content file, said server comprising:

means for opening a session with the customer computer;

means for receiving from the customer computer a request to view a media content file;

means for creating a temporary metafile having a temporary metafile name, said metafile containing a network address where said media content file can be obtained and an encrypted file path leading to said media content file;

means for sending to the customer computer the temporary metafile name; and

means for canceling or deleting the metafile before or at the end of said session with the customer computer.

13. A computer program product for providing a customer computer with access, through a network, to a media content file, said computer program product comprising:

a computer readable medium;

first program instructions to open a session with the customer computer;

second program instructions to receive from the customer computer a request to view a media content file;

third program instructions to create a temporary metafile having a temporary metafile name, said metafile containing a network address where said media content file can be obtained and an encrypted file path leading to said media content file;

fourth program ~~instructions~~instructions to send to the customer computer the temporary metafile name; and

fifth program instructions to cancel or deleting the metafile before or at the end of said session with the customer computer; and wherein

said first, second, third, fourth and fifth program ~~instructions~~instructions are recorded on said medium.

14. (newly added) The method of claim 2 further comprising the following steps performed by a media content server having said network address:

upon receipt of the encrypted media content file name, checking if said encrypted media content file name is correctly encrypted, and if so, sending this media content file for playing to the customer computer.